

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Hugh Sharkey and Gary S. Fanton  
Serial No. : 08/714,987  
Filed : September 17, 1996  
Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLED CONTRACTION OF SOFT TISSUE

Art Unit : 3735  
Examiner : David M. Shay

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
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AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO ACTION OF APRIL 4, 2006

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